ELECTION:

Applicant hereby elects species V, Figures 24-31. It is believed that claims 1-9, 12-17, 20-27, and 51-57 are readable thereon.

REMARKS:

The claims have been amended to correct a few typographical errors and to add features shown in the drawings. The required election has been made.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Attached is a check for \$173 (\$110 for the extension fee and \$63 for 7 extra claims). Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,

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